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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AT TNC WORKING
GROUPS

1. LONG HAS CALLED INFORMAL MEETING OF KEY DELEGATIONS MONDAY
MAY 6 TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF SECRETARIATS OF IMF, UNCTAD AND
FAO ATTENDING TNC WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THEM.
WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL PROPOSE NOT TO INVITE THESE SECRETARIATS TO
ATTEND BUT TO ARRANGE BRIEFING FOR THEM BY CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARIAT
AT END OF EACH MEETING.

2. LOCAL IMF REP JONES HAS BEEN PUSHING RECENTLY TO ATTEND
APPROPRIATE MEETINGS, I.E. MEETINGS ON SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO
IMF WHERE REAL NEGOTIATIONS NOT INVOLVED. WHILE WE HAVE HEARD
NOTHING FROM UNCTAD RECENTLY, WE KNOW UNCTAD SEC ALSO IS
ANXIOUS TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND. FAO ATTITUDE NOT KNOW HERE.

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3. IN MISSION'S VIEW THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN MTN AND DANGERS OF THEIR ATTENDANCE AT APPROPRIATE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN GREATLY EXAGERRATED. WHILE WE OF COURSE WOULD NOT WANT BE COMMITTED TO PERMIT ATTENDANCE AT ALL MEETINGS OF TNC AND SUCH SUBGROUPS AS MAY EMERGE, WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO THEIR ATTENDANCE AT PRESENT SERIES OF MEETINGS OF SIX WORKING GROUPS. LONG'S ORIGINAL STRENUOUS OBJECTIONS WERE BASED ON FEARS OF TAKEOVER BY UNCTAD AND OECD. WHILE THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME BASIS FOR THIS CONCERN IN PAST, WE BELIEVE ANY SUCH DANGER IS NOW IN PAST AND THAT UNCTAD ATTENDANCE PROBABLY WOULD HELP DISCOURAGE RENEWED UNCTAD EFFORTS TO MUSCLE IN. EXCLUSION OF IMF CAN HARDLY BE HELPFUL TO ULTIMATELY WORKING OUT RELATIONSHIPS OF TRADE AND MONETARY RULES AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

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4. GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN TIME FOR MONDAY MEETING. IN ABSENCE OF OTHER GUIDANCE WE INTEND TO INDICATE, IN LOW KEY, WITHOUT FIGHTING ISSUE IF OTHERS OBJECT, (A) WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PRESENCE OF IMF, UNCTAD AND FAO SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVES AT APPROPRIATE MEETINGS, INCLUDING PRESENT SERIES OF MEETINGS, AND (B) IF THIS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ANTICIPATED BRIEFING PROPOSAL. DALE

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